HANCOCK PROMISE

The Hancock Promise provides 2027 graduates from high schools or adult schools within the Allan Hancock Joint Community College District the opportunity to get **TWO YEARS TUITION FREE.**

FIRST YEAR CHECKLIST: ACADEMIC YEAR 2027-2028

HANCOCK

1 COMPLETE THE ONLINE ADMISSION APPLICATION

Starting October 1, 2026

1a. Going to college is MAJOR... do you know yours? When completing the AHC admissions application, you will be asked to select a major. This is the area of study you will focus on that will lead to your future career. You want to be sure to select one aligned with your interests and career goals. If you need help deciding, take the short career quiz and/or browse our Areas of Interest on our website before you apply at **hancockcollege.edu/pathways/index.php**.

1b. Visit **hancockcollege.edu/apply/cccapply.php** to get started. Select summer 2027. Redo this process again for fall 2027.

To complete the application, you will need:

- ☐ A copy of your current high school transcript. Placement for math and English is based on your high school GPA.
- ☐ Your Social Security Number or permanent resident card. If you do not have either, leave this section of the application blank.
- ☐ Your chosen major at AHC. Visit our Areas of Interest web page at **hancockcollege.edu/pathways/** for a list of our current associate degrees, transfer degrees, and certificates.
- ☐ An email address (please do not use your high school email address). If you or your parents do not have an email address, please sign up for one at yahoo.com or gmail.com before you get started.

Your AHC student ID (H#) and your username will be sent to the email address that you used to apply within 24-36 hours. Be sure to keep both of these in a safe place. Your AHC student ID (H#) will be used throughout your time at AHC.

2 COMPLETE THE ONLINE FAFSA OR DREAM ACT APPLICATION

Starting October 2026

To ensure that you are considered for the maximum federal and state financial aid grants do not wait to file your financial aid application! The priority deadline is March 2, 2027 (date is subject to change).

Attend a Cash for College event to receive assistance in completing either application.

- ☐ Complete the FAFSA, visit **studentaid.gov** **OR** complete the CA Dream Act, visit **dream.csac.ca.gov**
- ☐ Find and attend a Cash for College workshop at a location convenient for you at **hancockcollege.edu/calsoap**

To complete either application, you will need the following if applicable:

AHC FAFSA School Code: 001111

AHC Dream Act School Code: 00111100

- ☐ Student & Parent/Adoptive Parents' Social Security Number (SSN) if you have one
- ☐ Student & Parent/Adoptive Parents' 2025 W-2's & 2025 tax returns
- ☐ Student & Parent/Adoptive Parents' records of untaxed income such as welfare benefits, SS benefits, or child support payments
- ☐ Student & Parent/Adoptive Parents' birthdate
- ☐ Student & Parent/Adoptive Parents' personal email address

3 COMPLETE ORIENTATION

Starting November 2026

- ☐ Using your assigned username e-mailed to you in step 1b from your admission application, login to your myHancock portal and search New Student Orientation to complete your orientation online.

LEARN MORE ABOUT FIRST YEAR EXPERIENCE!

The **First-Year Experience (FYE)** Program empowers new students to thrive with personalized academic support, tutoring, and peer mentoring. Dive into college life with confidence, master study strategies, and conquer challenges with a supportive community by your side. Get ready to succeed from day one!

Learn more about the FYE program by scanning the QR code.

FYE

First Year Experience FYE @AHC Allan Hancock College

☐ 4 ATTEND LAUNCH TO COLLEGE

Starting February 2027

Students can choose to follow path 4a OR 4b:

4a- Seniors attending Promise Registration Rally:

- ☐ Attend a Launch to College event at your high school to complete a first-semester plan.
- ☐ High school seniors who complete Promise Steps 1-4 by April 16, 2027, will be invited to attend our Promise Registration Rally on April 30, 2027 happening at your school site to register for summer and/or fall classes the same day.

4b- Seniors completing registration on their own:

- ☐ Students unable to attend a Launch to College event and/or the Promise Registration Rally will need to complete the following steps to register for courses during priority registration:

1. Complete a first semester plan with an AHC counselor before **Friday, April 16, 2027.**

☐ 5 ATTEND PROMISE REGISTRATION RALLY

Starting April 30, 2027

Priority registration for Promise students is only available upon completion of steps 1-4.

For most students, Promise Registration Rallies will occur at your high school sites on the very first day of priority registration on Friday, April 30, 2027. AHC representatives will be on-site to assist students in enrolling for their summer and/or fall 2027 courses.

Students who are eligible for priority registration and are completing registration on their own, can follow the steps below:

1. Go to hancockcollege.edu and log in to your myHancock portal
2. Scroll down to "Register Add/Drop Classes"
3. When you register, have your first semester education plan (SEP) available. If you need a copy, you can obtain one by logging into myHancock portal and clicking on "DegreeWorks."
4. You **MUST** register for a minimum of 12 units for fall 2027 AND spring 2028 semesters. There is NO minimum-unit requirement if you attend summer 2027.
5. You **MUST** register and complete one English and one math class during the summer, fall, or spring semester, if required by your program of study (major).

While we highly encourage students to attend the registration event, students who are unable to attend the Promise Registration Rally can visit the Admissions and Records website to review Steps to Enrollment: hancockcollege.edu/apply/register.php

Congratulations! You have completed steps 1-5. You are now a **Hancock Promise** student!

CHECK YOUR FINANCIAL AID STATUS AFTER YOU REGISTER

- Go to hancockcollege.edu and log in to your **myHancock portal**
- Scroll to the "Financial Aid" button and click **"My Financial Aid"**
- Choose the Award Year: **"Summer 2027 to Spring 2028."** You will see your unsatisfied requirement/documents.



- If you have a Financial Aid Missing Documents, you will need to create an account before you can continue. Use your last name, as reported on your financial aid application when creating your account.
- Double click on each of the required items and complete each missing document listed. You may need to print, scan, and upload to submit these documents. If you are unable to upload, email the completed and signed documents to **finaid@hancockcollege.edu.**

You must complete and submit all of the required documents before you can be awarded any additional financial aid grants.

Students will receive a notification to their myHancock email about steps to complete. These steps, including any requested documents, must be completed before students can receive any financial aid funds. The priority deadline to complete your financial aid file for summer 2027 students is **May 21, 2027**. The priority deadline to complete your financial aid file for fall 2027 students is **July 23, 2027.** For questions, call the Financial Aid office at 805-922-6966 ext. 3200.

If you missed your opportunity to complete any of the Hancock Promise steps , you can call our Outreach Team to schedule a time to assist you in completing Promise requirements at 805-922-6966 ext. 3264. You can also visit the Promise website to view additional enrollment information **hancockcollege.edu/promise**.

☐ 6 COMPLETE A COMPREHENSIVE STUDENT EDUCATION PLAN (SEP)

May - October 2027

- ☐ You will need to have this completed before registration begins for the spring 2028 semester, which is usually in early November. To make an appointment, please call the Counseling office 805-922-6966 ext. 3293. You can also make an appointment via SuccessNet using the tutorial in this video: **youtube.com/watch?v=ixvQ7AVrcB4**

We strongly encourage students to complete all Hancock Promise steps no later than the start of fall 2027.

The priority timelines shown above have been developed to ensure that students have maximum access to priority registration services at AHC for summer & fall 2027. Completion of these steps after the priority timelines will still be accepted and processed on a first-come, first-serve basis through the last day of instruction, May 19, 2027.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Enroll at AHC immediately after graduating from high school (includes public, charter, private or home schools) **OR** adult schools located within the AHJCC district.

- Complete the FAFSA or CADAA.
- Register and complete a minimum of 12 units in both fall and spring semesters. There is NO minimum unit requirement if you attend summer school.
- Maintain a 2.0 grade point average in your first year in order to be eligible for the second year of the Hancock Promise.
- Complete one English and one math class during the summer/fall 2027 or spring 2028 semesters at AHC, if required by the program of study.

BENEFITS

- Save more than $2,400 in tuition and fees over 2 years at Allan Hancock College
- Receive first pick of classes with priority registration
- Set a plan for success with personalized counseling
- Receive free tutoring and other academic support services

myHancock

Get to know your resources using the Hancock Student Portal

youtu.be/aS3UWLvAUQc

The student portal contains the following resources:

- Your Hancock email
- AHC's online class search
- Registration/add/drop classes
- Check your grades & see your unofficial transcript
- Check your financial aid status & review unsatisfied requirements
- Access Canvas (Course Management System)
- Access to DegreeWorks (check your course requirements)
- Access to Student Life Activities (participate in clubs & activities)
- AHC's Academic Calendar
- Health Portal (student health resources)
- Jobspeaker (view job opportunities)

FOR MORE INFORMATION,

please read the FAQs at **hancockcollege.edu/promise**
or contact us at 805-922-6966 ext. 3264 or promise@hancockcollege.edu

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SECOND YEAR CHECKLIST: ACADEMIC YEAR 2028-2029

2027 graduates who were awarded the first year of the Hancock Promise have the opportunity to earn a **SECOND YEAR TUITION FREE.**

For general questions on the Hancock Promise 2, and the most updated information, please visit ***hancockcollege.edu/promise/***

☐ 1 AM I ELIGIBLE?

Ask us at **promise@hancockcollege.edu**

Students should review these eligibility requirements carefully to ensure they are eligible for the second year of the Hancock Promise. If there are questions about eligibility, please contact Hancock Promise by e-mail at: **promise@hancockcollege.edu** or by phone at 805-922-6966 ext. 3264. You can also text your question to 805-849-2349.

- ☐ **1.** Completed English C1000 or English C1001 with a "C" grade or better[1]
- ☐ **2.** Completed a college level 3-unit math course with a "C" grade or better[1]
- ☐ **3.** Completed 24 or more units
- ☐ **4.** Must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.00 by the end of the spring 2028 semester
- ☐ **5.** Completed a Comprehensive Student Education Plan (CSEP)
- ☐ **6.** Were awarded the Hancock Promise in year 1

Important Eligibility Notes

1 Certificate Program Exemption (Requirements 1 & 2)
Students who are enrolled in a **certificate program** that does **NOT** require math or English will be exempt from the Math and English Requirement. (The student must have a CSEP on file and be following the courses required for the certificate program to maintain exemption.)

Appeal Option (Requirements 1 & 2)
Students who complete math and English by the end of summer 2028 may appeal to the Dean of Student Services to have their Promise Year 2 award starting with the Fall semester.

ELIGIBILITY DEADLINES

Items **1 through 4** must be completed no later than the end of **spring 2028.**
Students should complete their **CSEP and their application for financial aid** no later than **July 31, 2028.**

☐ 2 COMPLETE A COMPREHENSIVE STUDENT EDUCATION PLAN

Starting May 2027

☐ **Complete your Comprehensive Student Education Plan (CSEP) by July 31, 2028.**

A comprehensive SEP is a semester-by-semester plan created with an AHC counselor listing all the courses you will need to reach your educational goal.

- Make an appointment via SuccessNet in your myHancock Portal using the tutorial in this video: **youtube.com/watch?v=ixvQ7AVrcB4**
- You can also make an appointment by calling the **Counseling office** 805-922-6966 ext. 3293

TUTORIAL

☐ 3 COMPLETE THE ONLINE FAFSA OR DREAM ACT APPLICATION

Starting October 2027

Complete a 2028-2029 financial aid application. Students must complete an application for financial aid every single year they are in school. To ensure that you are considered for the maximum state financial aid grants, you MUST apply for financial aid by ***Thursday, March 2, 2028.***

Attend a Cash for College event to receive assistance in completing either application.

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- ☐ Student & Parent/Adoptive Parents' birthdates
- ☐ Student & Parent/Adoptive Parents' personal email address

FAFSA

DREAM ACT

WORKSHOP

☐ 4 REGISTER FOR SUMMER/FALL 2028

Starting early April 2028

1. Class search opens early April. Registration opens late April for summer and fall semesters. **CLASSES FILL QUICKLY SO REGISTER EARLY!**
2. Check My Registration Date on myHancock under the "Registration" tab for your registration date.
3. When you register, refer to your comprehensive student education plan (CSEP) which can be found in DegreeWorks in your "Plans" tab.

Promise Reminders:

You must register for and complete at least 12 units each semester, both fall and spring. Although not required, we strongly recommend you register for summer courses as well. All summer and winter courses are covered by the Hancock Promise.

☐ 5 REVIEW YOUR ELIGIBILITY TO GRADUATE/TRANSFER

Starting September 2028

☐ Students interested in applying to transfer should begin visiting the **University Transfer Center** in **EARLY FALL 2028** to ask about application timelines.

Each school and university has their own requirements depending on the major, so meeting with a counselor is necessary to ensure you have met all transfer requirements.

☐ Students intending to graduate in May 2029 should meet with a counselor in **EARLY FALL 2028** to ensure they are meeting all AHC graduation requirements.